

**2017 ELECTION  
VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS  
CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS**

**Katya Hill  
3521 Raymond Street**

I have been a resident of the Village of Martin's Additions for 10 years. My husband Jack and I bought a house on Raymond Street just a couple of blocks from where he grew up and we fell in love with the neighborhood right away. We now have two young daughters, ages 7 and 4. We feel lucky to be able to raise our family in such a lovely neighborhood that is our Village. I enjoyed meeting many of you as I walked the streets of the Village two years ago when I ran for a seat on the Council.

For the last two years I have been serving on the Village Council. It has been a very rewarding experience. When I ran for the Council seat, my goal was to improve Village operations in the areas of accountability, transparency and respect. I believe we have made great strides in accomplishing that goal. I have also taken on the street lighting project when I joined the Council. This project has been in standstill for many years, but we are finally getting ready for installation of new lights.

Of course there is more to be done. I believe our focus at this time should be on completing the street repaving and the street light projects as quickly as possible. We all would like to see our streets well lit, repaved and safe. I would like to continue to provide my project management expertise to these projects, while serving on the Council.

I ask for your vote on May 11, 2017.

**Katie Filipczyk Howard  
3510 Taylor Street**

The future of Martin's Additions is changing. At last count, there are more than 30 children (residents under the age of 18) living near the intersection of Taylor and Chestnut streets where I reside. It's a welcome juxtaposition as I watch an influx of new families and long-time residents bring energy to our charming and long-established neighborhood.

I have a unique vantage point as both a current resident and someone who experienced an ideal childhood growing up in this same neighborhood. I attended the same schools as many of younger residents do today.

I seek the opportunity to serve on the VMA Council to represent both our oldest and youngest neighbors. My focus entails: increasing public safety, enhancing communication between the VMA and residents, generating more ideas for community events that benefit all residents and improving environmental concerns i.e. the water runoff issue that is most prevalent in certain pockets of the neighborhood.

As for my background, I am a proud product of our local school system. I attended Chevy Chase Elementary School, Westland Middle School and B-CC High School. I earned both a B.A. in Political Science and a M.A. in Online Journalism from American University. I have had a career as a Digital

News Editor for USATODAY.com and WTOP.com. Currently, I am a creative writer for the United States Postal Service where I help to write correspondence on behalf of the Postmaster General, Megan J. Brennan.

My husband, Steve, two daughters, Hannah and Heidi, and I are proud to live in my childhood home. My parents, Ben and Jill Filipczyk, first moved to the VMA in 1980. My mother served as a member on the Village Council for three years until her tragic loss to brain cancer on July 2, 2013.

In addition to her years of service on the Council, my mother gave back in countless ways to the VMA community. For decades, she rolled up her sleeves and was pivotal behind the scenes of many traditions our neighborhood children have come to love including the VMA Halloween party. She assisted with special Fourth of July celebrations including a patriotic bike parade up Turner Lane from what we locals affectionately refer to as Shepherd Park. She appreciated the importance of local government but was no placid observer of bureaucracy, particularly if she recognized ways to improve services. As a candidate for the Village Council, I now seek to do the same.

I also literally run the streets of the VMA. I am an avid runner and can tell you where every pothole, divot and uneven sidewalk is located. I am head coach of the Track and Field program at the Stone Ridge School as well as the Girls on the Run program at CCES which teaches leadership, teamwork skills and increases self-esteem among elementary-age girls. I am also an active Blessed Sacrament parishioner and former Sunday school teacher.

If elected to the Village Council, I intend to contribute a platform of a greater relationship with our neighborhood schools in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School cluster. I wholeheartedly support the formation of a "green VMA" committee to present beneficial environmental recommendations such as a community garden. It could prove to be a helpful gathering to organize activities like local nature walks and formations of neighborhood play dates for children. This committee will also prove to be an excellent outlet for addressing storm-water runoff and suggesting enhancements like the use of permeable pavers.

Ultimately, I feel all VMA residents should be concerned about the thumbprint we leave upon the future. I promote making the VMA even more congenial and helpful to residents which brings me to my last point. Where is the VMA's presence on social media? If you don't know, you are not alone because presently there isn't much of one. Increasing posts of Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc. will increase avenues of communication about upcoming events such as bulk trash pickups, road pavings and inclement weather policies.

My mother often said that the VMA is a "unique and special place to live" and I cannot agree more. I would be honored to carry on my mother's legacy and serve this idyllic neighborhood.

I thank you for taking the time in reading my candidate statement. I would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to serve as a member of the VMA Council.

**Richard Krajeck**  
**3500 Bradley Lane**

My name is Richard Krajeck. My wife and I have lived in Martin's Additions since 1979, during which time I served on the Village Council for seven years, first as Treasurer and then as Chairman. During my chairmanship the Council passed the first building codes with a high degree of involvement by Village residents, almost 100% of whom ultimately voted for passage of the codes. Two years ago I ran for the Council again and was subsequently elected Chair and I have now been persuaded to run for another term.

In addition to my experience on the Council, I spent 21 years as the Chief Operating Officer of an international trade association, giving me skills that have been useful in addressing Village finances, contracting and personnel. Much of the last two years has been devoted to putting systems in place to be sure that every contract is competitively bid, that the Village's resources are being prudently spent and that the staff have direction and resources to administer the needs of the residents.

In the next two years I would like to continue the work we have started: the completion of infrastructure paving and street lights, and as importantly, encouraging newer, younger residents to add their voices, talents and creativity to making the Village a better place for all of us.

I would appreciate and need your support as a candidate for the Village Council. Please Vote May 11.